

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace paragraph [022] with the following amended paragraph:

[022] In the preferred embodiment, the invention includes a plurality of cauls 6, one each of which is used with each clamping rod. The caul 6 is an oblong block or rectangular parallelepiped in shape, and is preferably slightly arcuate longitudinally, with its concave side facing downwards towards the plate 1. A hole 7 is disposed vertically through the center of the caul 7, through which passes the attachment rod 5. The caul 6 is disposed intermediately between the upper surface of the plate 1 and the clamping means. The caul 6 distributes the pressure of the clamping means more uniformly across the upper surface of the plate 1. The caul 6 may be manufactured from any ~~string~~, strong resilient material, preferably polyurethane.